As a flight attendant for UA, I think it would be awful to allow cell phone usage inflight. The mixture of thin air, cramped quarters, frayed nerves and alcohol consumption already pushes passengers to the limit. Add multiple, high volume cell phone conversations and the recipe for disaster is complete. The introduction of cell phone use in the cabin would not only introduce a new security risk and increase tension among passengers; it would compromise Flight Attendants' ability to maintain order in an emergency. Imagine trying to prepare passengers for an evacuation and you're getting the 'wait a minute finger wag' while the people in that area miss out on crucial information you are trying to communicate.